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Sir:

RESPONSE

Responsive to the Official Action dated June 16, 2006, the applicants elect, with traverse, the subject matter of the Examiner's Group I. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of the claimed subject matter are requested in view of the fact that the present Examiner is believed to have previously examined similar subject matter of all of the pending claims in the parent application Serial No. 09/380,377. The present Examiner is believed therefore to have previously determined that the claims do not define patentably distinct inventions. The present Examiner is believed to have also previously examined the claimed subject matter without undue burden on the Examiner.

Withdrawal of the restriction requirement and examination of all of the claimed subject matter are requested.

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The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned in the event anything further is required in this regard.

Respectfully submitted,

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